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1. The socialized enterprises of the chemical industry in the Russian Zone have been grouped in ten associations (Vereinigungen) as shown below:

<u>Name of Association</u>	<u>Chief Products</u>	<u>No. of Enter- prises</u>	<u>No. of Employees</u>	<u>Value of Produc- tion in 4th Quarter of 1942</u>
Inorganic Chem.	Sulphuric acid, chlorine, sodium, alkalis	17	3,887	5,743,400
Organic Chem.	Glycerine, dyes, saccharin, tannic acid, explosives	7	3,700	8,485,600
Potash, Pyrites, Fluorspar	Potash, pyrites, fluorspar	17	9,341	11,033,000
Coal Products	Paraffin, candles, gasoline, coal tar prod.	17	2,198	8,554,300
Gases & Carbide	Gases & carbide	15	738	2,879,100
Synthetics	Synthetics	10	1,136	3,102,300
Varnish & Paint	Varnish, paint, organic dyes	28	2,233	12,919,700
Soap & Cosmetics	Soap, cosmetics, chemicals for textile & leather ind.	14	4,715	17,279,000
Pharmaceuticals	Pharmaceutical products	11	1,517	3,154,300
Technical Chem- ical Products	Sprays, photo chemicals, glue, shoe polish, wax, aromatics	26	2,326	3,367,700

2. Association #3, for example, has its headquarters in Halle under Director Nüsse. It includes the following 17 enterprises:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Prod. in 4th Quarter 1947</u>
Flussspat Fluor, formerly Rütgers	Strassberg (D-24)	203	107,000
Kaliwerk Stassfurt	Stassfurt	1,323	1,592,000
Kaliwerk Kleinschierstedt	Aschersleben	284	477,000

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Prod. in 4th Quarter 1947</u>
Kaliwerk Aschersleben	Aschersleben	404	554,000
Kaliwerk Solvayhall	Solvayhall (near Bernburg)	1,420	1,442,000
Kaliwerk Krügershall	Teutschental	970	383,000
Kaliwerk Rossleben	Rossleben	1,155	688,000
Salzbergwerk Bartensleben	Bartensleben	356	1,116,000
" Neustassfurt	Neustassfurt	197	469,000
" Bernburg	Bernburg	205	738,000
Hallesche Salzwerke	Angersdorf	287	255,000
Fluoridwerke Rottleberode	Rottleberode	197	188,000
Schwefelkieswerk Elbingerode	Elbingerode	325	302,000
Kaliwerk Glückauf	Sondershausen	1,887	2,587,000
Grube Gottesgabe & Arminius	Steinbach (Thur.)	72	25,000
Thüringische Flussspatwerke	Gehren (J-33)	24	25,000
" "	Ilmenau	32	25,000

3. Source points out that the first thirteen enterprises listed above are located in Saxony-Anhalt while the last four are in Thuringia. Thus it is apparent that the new organization is intended to withdraw the important socialized enterprises from the jurisdiction of the individual states and subordinate them to a central office. The headquarters of the associations (Vereinigungen) may be located in various cities, but all the associations of a particular branch are under the supervision of a single office in Berlin called "Vereinigung der volkseigenen Betriebe der Industrie in der sowjetischen Besatzungszone" (Association of the Publicly-owned Enterprises of the Industry in the Russian Zone). The latter functions as a holding company for these enterprises and is directly subordinate to the corresponding branch of the DDK. It is believed that final technical and financial control of all the publicly-owned enterprises administered by the DDK will be the job of the "Hauptverwaltung Kontrolle des Volkseigentums", a separate section of the DDK headed by Dr. Lange, formerly chief of the Central Sequestration Commission.
4. Source states that Fritz Selbmann had told a conference in Dresden on 15 March 1948 that the publicly-owned enterprises were to be grouped in combines (Kombinate) which would cover the production process from raw material to finished product. The new organization in associations does not conform to this proposal; it is not known whether Selbmann has had to abandon his intention.

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